

**National Park Service**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Historic Preservation Fund**



## **Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) grant program exists to preserve historic structures on campuses of Historically Black College and Universities that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Projects must meet major program selection criteria and all work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and have no match requirement. For more information, please visit <http://go.nps.gov/hbcu>.

**Applications must be submitted electronically through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by May 1, 2018 at 11:59 PM ET.**

### **WHO MAY APPLY**

- ☐ All accredited HBCU institutions <https://nces.ed.gov/COLLEGENAVIGATOR/?s=all&sp=4&pg=1>.
- ☐ Only buildings or structures already listed in the National Register of Historic Places as of the published deadline for submitting grant applications are eligible for a grant award.

### **WHAT IS FUNDED**

- ☐ The minimum grant request is \$75,000 Federal share. The maximum grant request is \$500,000 Federal share. Please note that the selection panel may, at its discretion, award less than the minimum grant request. There is no matching requirement for this grant program.
- ☐ Preservation projects fund physical preservation of a historic site to include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Projects must comply with Section 106, NEPA, and execute a preservation covenant/easement.
- ☐ Eligible costs include pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, and the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties according to the Secretary of the Interior's Treatment Standards for Historic Properties.

### **WHAT IS NOT FUNDED**

- ☐ Construction of new buildings.
- ☐ Acquisition of collections or historic sites.
- ☐ Conservation of collections, except as part of gathering oral history documentation.
- ☐ Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period.
- ☐ Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists).
- ☐ Moving historic properties or work to moved historic properties that are no longer eligible for listing in the NRHP.
- ☐ Cash reserves, endowments, or revolving funds.
- ☐ Fund-raising costs.
- ☐ Work performed prior to announcement of award.

## SELECTION PROCESS

NPS personnel and qualified Federal employees will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. Panel recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Interior who will select successful applicants and forward to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. NPS will apply risk assessments to projects recommended for funding. Matching funds were not required, but may be considered as part of the evaluation process.

**EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA:** For more information, see the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

1. **Significance:** Describe the historic resource(s) in the proposed project and the role they played in the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) experience. Discuss National Register significance and the integrity of the resource. Describe how well the project will result in the recognition, understanding, and preservation of this and associated resources. (20 points)
2. **Severity of Threat to Property:** Describe the current condition of the historic property and explain how it is threatened or endangered. The source(s), nature, extent, and severity of the threat, danger, or damage to the property must be clearly and convincingly argued. Discuss how the project is the next logical step toward the resource's prevention. (20 points)
3. **Mitigation of Threat to Property:** Project must substantially mitigate or eliminate the threat, danger, or damage described and must have a clear public benefit (for example, historic places open for visitation or public use). Please clearly state what preservation activities will be undertaken as part of this project and address the following points: (20 points)
4. **Feasibility:** The project must be feasible (i.e. able to be completed within the proposed activities, schedule, and budget describe in the application). (20 points)
5. **Department Priorities:** Describe how your project advances the following Department of the Interior priorities: Modernizing our infrastructure and restoring trust with local communities. (20 points)

## ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ The grant period is generally 2 to 3 years with project start not projected until after fall 2018.
- ☐ Administrative costs, both direct and pursuant to a current Federally-approved Indirect Cost Rate may be no more than 25% of the total of both the grant and any non-Federal match. The National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 302902(d)) stipulates this limit. You must include your Federally-approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement or a letter indicating never having a negotiated indirect cost rate previously and that you will be using the 10% de minimis rate as specified in 2 CFR 200.
- ☐ Competitive selection of all consultants and contracting is required as stipulated in 2 CFR 200.
- ☐ Maximum hourly rates charged to this grant by personnel and consultants may not exceed 120% of the salary of a Federal Civil Service GS-15, Step 10. Current salary tables can be found on the Office of Personnel Management website: [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov).
- ☐ Budgeted travel costs must adhere to the mileage and travel rates found at [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov).

## PROCESS AND DEADLINES

The application deadline for the 2017 HBCU grants is May 1, 2018 at 11:59 PM EST, with awards anticipated by fall 2018. All applications must be made through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), the Federal government grant website. Paper applications will NOT be accepted. Grants.gov and sam.gov registrations can take up to four weeks.

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT** <http://go.nps.gov/hbcu>

## FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

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